Mr. S Piraviperumal Pillai: Are the Government aware that some aided schools do not observe some of the gazetted holidays

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: There *are* such instances.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: May I know the action that the Government have taken in those cases?

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: It has been stated in the answer that aided schools are allowed to follow their own calendar.

President: Government will not interfere in the matter. It is left to the managements of the schools. There are only 3 public holidays recognised as compulsory. Other holidays, there are; but it is left to the managements of schools to close their institutions on such days or not, as they choose. The Director has already said all that.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: I will just explain, Sir. The question is not whether they are to give holidays as they choose or not. The question is whether Government are aware that they do not give holidays on these days.

Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan: Government are not aware. These three holidays are invariably given in every school, departmental and private.

List of holidays for aided schools.

37. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that aided schools forward a list of holidays for their schools to the Director yearly; if so, whether they include the gazetted compulsory public holidays in such lists as holidays for their schools; and, if not, the reasons for the omission?

Mr. C. V. Chadrasekharan: *First part* No.

Second and third parts The member is referred to Rules 100, 101, 102 and 103 of the Education Code.

Audit of co-operative societies.

38. * **Mr. E. P. Varghese** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of co-operative societies audited in 1110 M. E.

(*b*) the number audited by the Co-operative Inspectors and the number audited by the supervisors of the unions in 1110 M. E.; and

(*c*) the amount given as grant to these supervising unions and the amount disbursed as pay to the Co-operative Inspectors during 1110 M. E.?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: (*Registrar of Co-operative Societies*): (*a*) The figures for 1110 are not yet ready. In 1109, accounts of 1746 societies were audited.

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